



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.

Date: Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Ara, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden and Wing

Also in attendance:

Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Austin (other commitment), Cllr Hudson (other commitment), Cllr Huxley (other commitment), Shonk (other commitment) and Cllr Young (other commitment).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public requests to speak.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31st July 2024 (Minute no; 164/24-172/24).

RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record with one amendment that Cllr Huxley was present.

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FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) Council received a report of payments; the Council was asked to note the payments between 1st to 31st August 2024 authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £4,550.24) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £45,229.82).

RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £4,550.24) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £45,229.82) were approved.

Cllr Wing asked that it be noted that she is concerned about the future liabilities of Radford House and feels that not enough information is shared.

- (ii) Members considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk & FO and the recommendation contained therein from Grant Scrutiny Panel in respect of various funding applications.**

Ramsgate Fund applications:

RF7 – Friends of Spencer Square – Tree & Hedge Project - £1,000.00 awarded.

RF8 – Ramsgate Royal British Legion – Hosting of Mayor & Civic Party on Remembrance Day 2024 - £250.00 awarded from the Civic Budget.

RF9 – Foreland Fields Charity – Creation of Education, Recreation & Training Centre “The Hive” - £1,000.00 is allocated to this applicant as it is considered to be an appropriate allocation towards the Ramsgate element. It is suggested that the applicant approaches the neighbouring Town & Parish Councils for funding.

RF10 – Residents Association of Paradise & Ramsgate Historic Quarter Scheme – Captain Abbots Garden – this application is deferred until information in writing is received to demonstrate that the land is owned by TDC and leased to Your Leisure and that all parties have agreed to the scheme.

RF11 – The Ramsgate & District Model Engineering Club – Replacing Defective Track Support Beams & Old Passenger Carrying Wagons (Ellington Park) - £1,000.00 awarded.

RF12 – East Cliff Community Group – East Cliff Bandstand Volunteer Restoration - £433.00 awarded.

RF13 – Thanet Athletics Club – Equipment Replacement - £1,000.00 is allocated to this applicant from the 2024-2025 The Ramsgate Fund budget towards the Ramsgate resident element of the club. The applicant to be advised to approach neighbouring Town & Parish Councils for funding.

RF14 – Ramsgate Arts Club CIC – Ramsgate Arts Club (Launch Start-Up Grant) - £1,640.00 is allocated to this applicant from the 2024-2025 The Ramsgate Fund budget towards the purchase of turntables.

RF15 – Heritage Lab CIC – Thrive Ramsgate (Acoustic Meeting Pods) - £1,500.00 is allocated to this applicant from the 2024-2025 The Ramsgate Fund budget towards a pod.

RF16 – Kindness Catering – Kindness Catering Business Start-Up - no funding is allocated to this applicant from the 2024-2025 The Ramsgate Fund budget as RTC is unable to fund business start-ups.

Events Fund applications:

EF17 – Residents Association of Paradise & Ramsgate Historic Quarter Scheme – Heritage Open Day Event 7th September 2024 - £500.00 awarded.

EF18 – Starling Support CIC (Newington Big Local) – Newington Lights Festival Events 18th October 2024 – £2,500.00 is allocated to pay for permissions & road closures.

EF19 – ADJ Solutions (Love Where You Live) – Teenage Kicks 22nd September 2024 - £500.00 awarded.

EF20 – Lumen Studios Ltd – Cosmic Perspectives – Astronomical Projections at St Georges Church Crypt on 21st September 2024 - £500.00 awarded for venue hire, travel & accommodation.

EF21 – GB Carnival CIC/ St Georges Church / JH Events Ltd – Ramsgate Lumiere 2024 24th November 2024 to 1st January 2025 – a resolution to award £4,300.00 towards the lantern making workshops & lantern parade fell. Resolution Approved: to hold an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee before the Planning & Infrastructure Committee on 11th September 2024 to consider viring money from the Councils own Event Budget.

EF22 – Ramsgate History Working Group in Partnership with Discovery Planet & Canterbury Christ Church University – Mary Shelley Graphic Novel Workshops (KS2) on 29th October 2024 – £500.00 Council wishes the applicant well with this new & innovative event.

Community Services Fund applications:

CS5 – 21 Together – Communicate Together – Thanet - no funding as the location of the hub is not in Ramsgate. Council encourages the applicant to come back to RTC if a hub is located in Ramsgate.

CS6 – The Harmony Therapy Trust – Harmony Wellbeing- £1,122.00 awarded.

- (iii) Members considered multiple gas supply quotes for the Custom House & Radford House in order to select the preferred contract for engagement.

RESOLUTION: A 24 month Fixed (NCP) Carbon Zero contract with Crown (100% Green) is approved for Custom House & Radford House.

- (iv) Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO and considered how to proceed with decorative lighting detailed therein.

RESOLUTION: The work is approved with the cost of £4,243.75 coming from the Project Contingency Budget.

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POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL REVIEW

Members considered the draft “Honorary Freeman & Freewoman” Scheme.

RESOLUTION: The Honorary Freeman & Freewoman Scheme is approved.

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SCHEME OF DELEGATION (INCL. COMMITTEES)

Council considered if any representatives from Ramsgate should be invited to attend the installation of the Lord Warden, alongside the Mayor, Chair & Town Clerk. Up to 14 delegates can be sent at a cost of £50.00 per attendee.

RESOLUTION: Members to advise the Deputy Town Clerk if they wish to attend.

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

(i) EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS

It was recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

RESOLUTION: To exclude the press and public for the following items of business.

(i) CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS

Council received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the information & quotes therein.

RESOLUTION: the work as detailed in the report is approved with the funds to come from the Capital Projects & Asset Acquisition (incl. Radford House Development) budget.

(ii) FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

Council considered a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding awarding the Freedom of the Town.

RESOLUTION: Members in attendance supported the proposal. Cllr Crittenden abstained. Those not in attendance to be asked if they support the proposal.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27th September 2024 at 7pm.